

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the title of record and substitute the following new title therefor:

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL ADMIXTURES FOR CONCRETE

Above line 13 of page 1 of the application, please add the following paragraph.

This application claims priority on Japanese patent application 2003-55175 filed March 3, 2003.

Paragraph starting on line 14 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

This invention relates to multi-functional admixtures for concrete ~~as well as to concrete which uses such an admixture~~. Recently, the following five functions are coming to be required in order to improve the quality of concrete: (1) It must have superior fluidity that does not deteriorate with time; (2) Hardened materials that are obtained must have a good early strength; (3) The shrinkage rate of hardened materials that are obtained must be low; (4) Hardened materials that are obtained must exhibit a strong resistance against freezing and thawing action; and (5) The carbonation speed of hardened materials that are obtained must be slow. This invention relates to multi-functional admixtures for concrete capable of simultaneously providing all these functions to concrete as well as concrete having all these functions simultaneously.

Paragraph starting on line 5 of page 2 has been amended as follows:

It is therefore an object of this invention to provide multi-functional admixtures for concrete capable of providing all of the required functions described above at the same time ~~and concrete that has all of these functions simultaneously~~.